

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 521

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alex Beene on being named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an accomplished educator and devoted public servant who epitomizes the concept of the involved citizen; and

WHEREAS, Alex Beene of Chester County is one such exemplary citizen who has distinguished himself in his community; and

WHEREAS, after exhibiting extraordinary efforts in the service of adult education, Mr. Beene has been deservedly named the Coalition on Adult Basic Education's Outstanding Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beene worked tirelessly during the pandemic to help fellow educators transition to online learning programs, traveling thousands of miles to ensure students received work packets at home or in jail; and

WHEREAS, he taught in churches, libraries, prisons, jails, rehab centers, and mental institutions in five different counties to ensure equitable access to adult education for all persons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beene is an award-winning author and educator who has been featured on ABC, CBS, and ESPN Radio and in numerous print publications for his children's books, which are available in over seventy countries, and he served on Google's digital literacy board, which promotes free learning resources for students worldwide; and

WHEREAS, his business acumen has been presented in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, *Reader's Digest*, and *The Washington Post* and on CNBC; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Beene is the recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service, was recognized by *Good Housekeeping* as a hero educator for his work with distance learning, and has been honored by the NASDAQ for his philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Alex Beene provides an excellent example of public service and civic responsibility, both as a teacher and a person, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Alex Beene on being named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.